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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR MANAGING SUPPORT CHAIN PROCESSES

the specification of which

 is attached hereto

OR

 was filed on 07/06/01 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 09/900,737
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

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PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(s)**Priority Claimed** Yes No Yes No Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet attached hereto.

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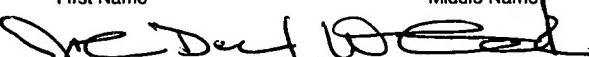
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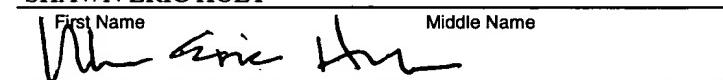
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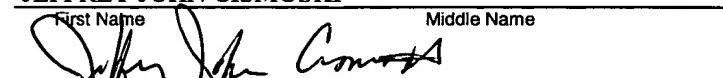
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